



Journey Connection

October 2025

Mission Statement of Immanuel Church

To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world.

Welcome to Immanuel Church!

We at Immanuel are on a joyful journey – with Jesus – to disclose His presence in the world and His love for all people. With Humility, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of their relationship with Jesus, and even if they doubt His reality. And we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of race, culture, age, sexual orientation, family status, or the brokenness of their lives. On this journey there are no judgments – just Jesus. Whoever you are, **you are welcome** to join us!

If you desire information about becoming more involved in Immanuel Church, please contact Rev. Rich Vincent pastor@immanuelwestbend.org or Jenny Landowski director@immanuelwestbend.org or leave a message at the church office (262) 334-2886

JOYFUL JOURNEYS
VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH 20TH INDIA GALA

BEGINS ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, NOON
ENDS ~ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 9AM

Auction includes:
Handcrafted items, Specialty Meals, Gift Certificates
Sports & Leisure, Original Art Work, and more!!

Easy connection via the QR Code below...



In support of the good works being done
in the village of Madhavapatnam

website: joyfuljourneys-inc.org

Thoughts from our Pastoral Assistant / Director of Ministries

Dear Immanuel Church family and friends,

Last month, I wrote an article reflecting on Ecclesiastes 3 stating that we were entering a new season here at Immanuel...a time of regathering after a summer of being scattered as well as a time of weeping as I shared the news of Pastor Rich's returned cancer. Here we are, a month later, what season do we find ourselves in now? What time are we in as individuals and as a body of Christ?

The author of Ecclesiastes says there is a time for everything... Our musicians have a time to make music as they strum, drum, ring, and sing. Our youth have a time to laugh as they find joy in being a part of J.A.M. Time, CORE, and SHINE. Our adults have a time to speak as they participate in SonShine Gals, Wise Guys, and Sharing Today's Word. Our India Ministry will have a time to dance as we celebrate its 20th Anniversary at our upcoming Gala. Even our church building is finding a time to break down as it prepares for a new roof.

But what happens between the *specific times* for every matter under heaven? King Solomon didn't mention anything about a time to wait! So, for now, I guess we'll shift from King Solomon to Dr. Suess as we find ourselves in "The Waiting Place" ...

As I write this, it has been 2 months since Pastor Rich first went into the hospital with health concerns. Then we waited for a diagnosis...only to find out his cancer has returned. It's been about 8 weeks since he began his aggressive chemo treatments. Then we waited to see if it had successfully attacked the cancer. It's been about 6 weeks since he began needing regular blood and platelet transfusions. Then we waited to see if they brought strength to his incredibly weakened body. It was about 4 weeks ago that we all read Pastor Rich's heartfelt letter of renewed hope and determination to move forward, once his body was strong enough, with another series of intense chemo treatments. Then we waited, also with hope, for him to begin round two of the fight. It was 20 days ago that Pastor Rich went back into the hospital because of complications... We are still waiting for answers and for him to come home.

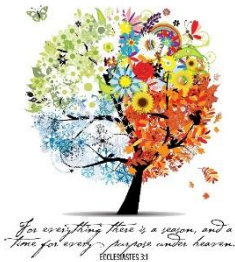
Now, although Dr. Suess at least acknowledges “The Waiting Place”, he doesn’t offer the best advice as to what we should do while we’re in it. So now, we’ll shift to King Solomon’s dad, King David to see what he suggests. In Psalm 27 verse 14 it states, “Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.”

What does it mean to “wait for the LORD”? It means *actively* trusting and hoping in God’s promise, timing and strength to give us what we need to face the trials in front of us. “**Actively Trust and Hope**”! It means continue to engage in a meaningful life and maintain a close relationship with God, even when things are difficult...as you wait.

I invite you to join me in King David’s “Waiting Place”, it’s called Immanuel ~ God with us, where together we will draw courage from each other, and strength from our collective worship, as we wait...

Your continued prayers and heartfelt messages for Pastor Rich are immensely appreciated by him...as he waits.

Peace and Love,
~Jenny



On behalf of our President...

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel United Church of Christ,

With Rally Sunday behind us, we enter a new year of ministries within our church. It is great to see so many youth involved in Jam Time, CORE, and SHINE. As the church year starts up again, I invite you to commit or recommit to our church's mission - to be and make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world. Also this is a time to prayerfully consider how you might use your resources to help build our church community and relationships within it. Take some time to think about how you are using your time, talent, and treasure to support our church and its missions.

1 Peter 4:10: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Looking ahead, our fall annual meeting will be on Sunday, November 9th following the second service. Please mark your calendars.

Blessings,
Amy



Property update...

We had a few minor maintenance issues, and they were handled promptly.

The courtyard and steps where power washed after our ducks left.
It was much needed.

Otis elevator was here for our semi-annual Maintenance check-up.
Other than adjusting the door everything was fine, no issues.

We did have an issue with one of our furnaces in late August. The wet switch was malfunctioning, which in turn shuts down the furnace from operating and we had to call Kettle Moraine Heating to repair that problem. Everything is working again like it should be.



The Property Team

FUNDRAISING TO HELP...



RAISE THE ROOF

The top has been blown off our
"Raise the Roof" campaign!!!
After a couple of incredibly generous
donations that come in last month,
we've now raised
\$41,809.85 out of the **\$48,000**
needed for this project!!

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed
thus far; your commitment to caring for "our"
church home is sincerely appreciated!!!

Haven't had a chance to help yet??

Donations can be given to Immanuel Church,
designated to **"Property – Roof Fund"**.

GIVE FROM YOUR HEART



Keep an eye on the "Raise the Roof" poster, located by the
Giving Church for regular updates.

1 Shingle = \$100.

Financial Secretary...

2 Corinthians 9:6 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

Our building expenses were slightly above budget since we had Kettle Moraine do a peace of mind package on our property to make sure our systems are all working properly. Utilities were under budget which helped with building expenses. Mid-year contribution statements will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Blessings,
Charlene

Immanuel UCC 2025 Annual Local Mission Budget is \$449,768

Thank you for your continued support of Immanuel's local ministries mission of:

- providing meaningful life changing worship
- nurturing persons in their faith journey
- witnessing to our faith in service beyond ourselves

Just a reminder, when writing checks to Immanuel and Joyful Journeys please write **two** separate checks as this makes it easier to account for what is designated for Immanuel and what is for Joyful Journeys. Also, you can make online donations separately to Immanuel and Joyful Journeys via each of their websites as noted below under the **Online Giving topic**.

If you have any questions regarding Immanuel finances or would like to discuss your giving, please note my regular office hours are on: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am-3pm. You can also reach me via email, finance@immanuelwestbend.org or leave a message on the church phone 262-334-2886 x105. I welcome the opportunity to chat with you.

Immanuel Finance Report July 2025

July 2025	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Income	\$33,778.32	\$235,701.14
Total Expenses	<u>\$33,769.77</u>	<u>\$244,767.48</u>
Income vs Expenses	(\$991.45) Deficit	(\$9,066.34) Deficit

Cash Available for Church Operations July 2025

Cash Balance Available Ending on Month 7/30/25 \$ 17,901.59

Online Giving

In case you did not already know, both Immanuel United Church of Christ and Joyful Journeys, Inc. have the capability to receive online donations. You can set up payment via ACH from your checking account or use a credit/debit card. Just so you know that if you choose to use a credit/debit card there is a small fee of about 3.4-3.8% which the service provider reduces the amount we receive.

Offering Altar

The Offering Alter is located in the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. On it you will find the Giving Church; monetary donations can be slipped in through the slit on top. There is also information about Immanuel Church and its ministries along with additional contribution envelopes. If you are a visitor and would like us to contact you, please fill out the information form and drop it in the Giving Church and be sure to help yourself to a welcome packet. Also available on the Offering Alter are Prayer Request forms; prayers dropped into the Giving Church will be shared with the SonShine Gals during communal prayer time. For those interested in donating online, for your convenience, access our secure giving page on our website through the QR Code below.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please contact Jenny Landowski at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

**Scan
Me!**



A Note From our Choir Director...

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

*And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!*

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before,
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

You may recognize these lyrics to "10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord" - this song was written by Jonas Marin and Matt Redman and has been widely used by soloists, worship teams and choirs.

The song is inspired by the opening verses of Psalm 103 which calls believers to bless the Lord for His goodness, love and faithfulness:

*Oh my soul, bless God
From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name!
Oh my soul, bless God, Don't forget a single blessing!*

Our adult choir will be singing this anthem on Sunday, October 5th in the 9:00am worship service. We hope the message of this song will be a blessing to you.

Immanuel Church choirs practice schedule:

Handbell Ensemble: Tuesday evenings, 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Ladies Ensemble: Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Adult Choir: Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Interested in singing on a Tuesday evening? Drop in and check us out!

Interested in ringing handbells on a Tuesday evening? Let me know you intend to join us so that I can be ready for you! All are welcome!

May October's autumnal beauty be a blessing to you!

Beverly Mark / 920-242-7318 / bevbeemark@gmail.com

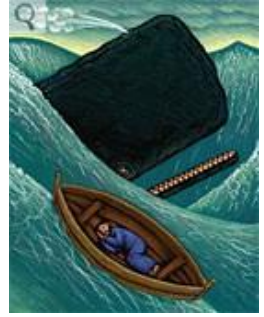
J.A.M. Time* 2025-2026

“Hooked on Jesus”

Unit 2: Jonah

*God gave Jonah two chances to make good choices,
but Jonah ran from God both times and got angry.*

Paraphrased from the story of Jonah



WANTED! Empty and rinsed wine bottles for our November project. Bottles can be given to Mr. S on Sunday's or dropped off in the main office.

October 5 – 19

Cuttin' & Struttin – Fish Pillows

Kickin' Kitchen – Whale Calzones

Movin' & Groovin' – Parachute Games

Coming Up Next!

November: UCCI Thanksgiving Outreach

December: Advent/Mary

To all young folks third grade and up: Would you like to serve Immanuel in a special way? Please consider becoming an acolyte! Throughout the year, these children provide worship leadership by lighting and extinguishing candles at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, as well as candle lighting during Advent, on Christmas Eve, and on Maundy Thursday.



If you're interested in becoming an acolyte or learning more about it, please contact Mr. S. or Ms. Jo in the church office.

Want to join in on all the fun, or just see what the BIG deal is all about downstairs? Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Mitch Schleif for more information. Come join the fun!

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif at
Excited4JAM@ImmanuelWestBend.org
414-491-5057

*Jesus and Me Time – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program
for children age three through 6th grade.

JAM Time meets Sunday mornings September - May
from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room downstairs.

CORE

CORE is off to a great start this year!

We have 11 youth participating, and they've been diving into the history of the Bible and learning how to look things up in it. They're a wonderful group of kids who are excited to growing in their faith!

CORE is part of Immanuel's youth ministries that serves kids in 7th & 8th grade. The foundation of CORE is reflective of it's name...exploring the core concepts of our beliefs and traditions, expanding on what it means to embrace Christianity and how it differentiates from other religions, and digging deeper into who we are at Immanuel UCC and how we can put our faith into action. They meet from 10:30-11:30am in the classroom off the west hallway in the lower level of church.

CORE Leader Johanna Landowski

confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org Church 262-334-2886 Cell 262-353-2739



Youth Dinner & Game Night!

Fun was had by all!



YOUTH FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2025

OCT
SAT
25

Fall Cleanup
8:30am-Noon
Meet at Church



OCT
SUN
26

Trunk or Treat
11:45am – until the fun is done
Church Parking Lot

NOV
SAT
15

Fall Fest
5pm -8pm
Church Basement



NOV
FRI
28

Enchantment in the Park
4:30 – 9:15pm
800 N Main St, West Bend, WI 53090

DEC
SAT
20

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge
6:45am – 10am
Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee



If you have any questions, want to participate, or help
with these events feel free to contact
Johanna Landowski
at youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org
Church 262-334-2886
Cell 262-353-2739

TRUNK OR TREAT
Immanuel FIT Event
(Families Interacting Together)

Sunday, October 26

Lunch at 11:30 followed by Trunk or Treating

Join us for some spooktacular fun!

Kids: Head on down to Fellowship Hall right after second service for some Pizza!
Once everyone is done, we'll parade through the parking lot for TRUNK OR TREAT!

Adults: Would you like to be part of the fun by hosting a trunk for our Trunk or Treaters?

Hosts would be encouraged to decorate their trunks in addition to providing a treat for the kids. Pizza will be delivered to all hosts while you're getting your trunk ready for the Shine Brites to come through.

All: There are 2 sign-up sheets outside the main office...

- 1) If your kids plan on participating, please indicate how many so our hosts can plan accordingly with treats, and we know how much pizza we'll need.
- 2) If you'd like to be a host, please sign up so we know how many vehicles and how much pizza to get.



Please contact Jennifer or Liz with any questions:
Jennifer Schleif 414-248-9353 or jsbschleif@gmail.com
Liz Ratzburg 262-483-6183 or erat227@gmail.com

Full Shelf Pantry

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever.*

John 14:16

In support of West Bend's Full Shelf Pantry
throughout the month of October, we will be collecting
Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper



12 count egg cartons are needed on a monthly basis

Items can be placed in the bins outside the main office, or
cash/checks (payable to Immanuel) can be put in your giving envelope
with notation designated to Food Pantry.

Any questions see Jenny or Johanna Landowski

Raise Right Gift Cards

Let us help make your shopping, budgeting, dining out, and gift giving easier...

Gift Cards for Local Grocers, Gas Stations, Clothing Stores, Online Shopping, Restaurants, and more are available through **Raise Right Gift Cards**. A variety of cards are on hand for immediate purchase, and hundreds of different cards can be ordered on a monthly basis. Raise Right gives us a % of each sale, which benefits our Joyful Journeys Ministries, both India and the COF Shoppe. A member of the India Task Force will have cards available on Sunday mornings; you can find them seated at the table across from the church mailboxes. They can also take your special orders; forms can be found in mailbox # 79. Completed forms with payment made out to Joyful Journeys can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or brought into the main office Monday thru Thursday between 9am-3pm.

Orders this month will be called in on Monday, October 20th.

SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals is an eclectic group of women who share a common thread of growing together in faith and love through various book and spiritual studies, video discussions and prayer.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10:00am-11:30am.

We are currently reading

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us,
please contact Jenny Landowski

Wise Guys

Hey fellas! Wise Guys is our men's ministry that meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. You are invited to attend this social time including dinner and a short discussion. The sign-up sheet for **October 16th** is located on the bulletin board outside the main offices. Consider checking it out, and while you're at it, bring a friend!



“Sharing Today’s Word” Immanuel UCC Adult Discussion Group

We are excited to invite any individuals, beyond high school age, to check out our Adult Discussion Group, “Sharing Today’s Word”.

This group will meet on Sundays at 10:30am to discuss the sermon from that morning; they will gather in the space connected to the Friendship Room where Fellowship Time treats are served.

Wondering what to expect?? First off, your attendance can be as consistent or sporadic as you'd like it to be, as each gathering will be based off that day's message. This group does not have to come to a consensus. We can educate each other by sharing our opinions, ideas, and interpretations. By questioning and discussions, we will strive to develop and strengthen our faith. Hopefully, we will be able to help each other to not just listen effectively to the pastor's word but also make his message part of our lives.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kent at kscheuerell@gmail.com



Do you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry and add a special purpose to your hobby. In addition to Prayer Shawls, they've made sweaters for the children in India, hat's for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, scarves for our Boxed up with Love ministry, and Prayer Squares for new members. This group meets on the 4th Monday of each month during September – May and invites you to join them.

For more information,
contact Rosemary Seideman at roseway12@charter.net.



Mr. Bob's



Under the Bridge

Don't forget we're always collecting donations for making hygiene packets. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion can be brought to Immanuel Church and dropped in the designated bin.



Trick or Treat for Immanuel's Soul Box

This year our Staff **Trick or Treat Bags** will once again support Immanuel's Soul Box, which offers

a bag lunch to the hungry within our community. Each "Soul Sack" contains a canned meal (pasta, soup, etc.), bottle of water, fruit cup, granola bar, sweet treat or snack, plastic spoon, and a whole lot of LOVE. Please consider helping us fill our Trick or Treat bags with the items listed below or make a donation to Immanuel's Benevolence Fund and we'll shop for you!

Box of granola bars

Box of fruit cups

Variety packs of sweet treats or snacks

FYI...On average, 150 Soul Sacks are given out each month, providing nourishment to individuals within our community who are in need of assistance.

For more information, contact Jenny
director@immanuelwestbend.org or 262-334-2886



Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

An outreach ministry founded and operated by members of Immanuel Church.

OUR MISSION: *to establish and or operate programs and facilities that will assist impoverished and needy people whose lives are challenged by current life circumstances, by helping to provide for their immediate basic needs and to bring them hope and promise for a brighter future.*

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends Shoppe continues to be a vital part of serving the needs of those in our community. **In the month of September, we served 64 people!** We are incredibly grateful for the support of many...

- Donations of clothing, kitchenware, bedding and towels are dropped off on a daily basis from generous individuals within our community as well as our church family. We give thanks for all who share their bounty!!
- Nancy and our incredible team of sorters have the meticulous job of going through all the donations that come in. They determine what goes into our Circle of Friends Shoppe and what we can share with Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. We give thanks for their time and sorting skills as they go through one bag at a time!!
- Although most of the items in the Shoppe are gently used, our policy is to only distribute new socks and underwear to our customers. Jan regularly shops for these items as well as for specific things that we run short on. We give thanks for all who donate money to the COF Shoppe so she can keep our shelves full.
- Sophie leads the Onward Crew on weekly trips from the church to the Shoppe; they transport donations that are ready to fill the racks. We give thanks that through rain, snow or shine, they get things where they need to be!!
- In addition to hygiene packs that have been assembled by Onward, there is regularly bags of clothes that needs to be driven to Grafton and dropped off at Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Jim, Judy, and Ed often fill their vehicles and make the trip over. We give thanks for their dedication to both outreach programs!!

- Sandy and Elaine spend numerous hours a week restocking after the Shoppe has been open to ensure it's ready for the next wave of customers to come through. Where do they restock from?? The whole second floor of the house is filled with our overflow and seasonal items. We give thanks for their enthusiasm and thoroughness in keeping The COF Shoppe organized!!
- Our awesome team of volunteers make sure the COF Shoppe can be open 5 times a month. Their compassionate hearts guide them to serve all who come through with dignity and respect. We give thanks for their commitment and kindness!!

THANK YOU...Your continued support within this ministry is changing the lives of people in Washington County, as it enables us to offer a dignified place to shop, at no cost to individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardships...we couldn't do it without you!!!

For more information, or to find out how you can help,
contact Jenny Landowski at
262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

CURRENT "NEEDED" ITEMS AT THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Men's T-Shirts - All sizes
Men's Athletic Pants - Small
Boy's T-Shirts sizes 10 thru 18
Boy's Athletic Pants sizes 4,5,6,10 thru 18
Girl's Shirts sizes 3,10 thru 14
Girl's Stretchy Pants sizes 10 thru 14

Sheets - Queen
Blankets - Twin, Full and Queen

Toasters
Coffee Pots



INDIA



Additional Expenses in the month of October...

- **Annual Accountant Fee \$663**

**If you would like to cover, or contribute to additional expenses,
you can do so by cash/check made out to Joyful Journeys or
pay online through our secure website**

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>

Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

Joyful Journeys Virtual Silent Auction

~Access the Online Silent Auction through this link

<https://www.32auctions.com/IndiaGala2024>

(Items can be viewed without setting up an account)

~Auction will “go live” at noon Sunday, October 5th

~If you want to bid on items, follow the simple instructions
on the auction site to set up an account

~People who are bidding will be notified via email
if they have been outbid on an item of interest

~Auction concludes at 9:00am on Saturday, October 11th

~Winners will be notified via email

~Items can be paid for by (cash, check or credit card)
and picked up at Immanuel Church starting
Sunday, October 12th following Worship Services or
throughout the next week, Monday-Thursday between 9:30am-3:00pm

~100% of profits benefit Joyful Journeys India Ministries

In Kindness donations can be made on or before October 10th, 2025

Give securely online through our website

<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>

Or checks made out to Joyful Journeys can be sent to
Immanuel UCC, 501 Walnut Street,
West Bend WI 53095

Happy Anniversary, Joyful Journeys India Ministry!

Over the past 7 months, we've been highlighting various facets of Joyful Journeys India Ministry; we hope you've been able to reflect on this journey with the same amazement that we have in what has all been accomplished! Truly, just as Jesus took the meager offering of 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, blessed it, multiplied it, and used it for the good of 5,000+ people, our humble gifts have also been blessed, multiplied, and used for the good of serving thousands!

**Thank you for your continued support through the years!
Together—you, me, and Jesus , we can be the change
we wish to see in the world!**

For more information, or to find out how you can help make a difference, please contact Jenny at 262-334-2886 or director@immanuelwestbend.org

**JOYFUL JOURNEYS INDIA MINISTRY
20TH ANNIVERSARY!**

**YOU'VE SEEN HOW FAR WE'VE COME!
THE FUTURE IS FULL OF ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!
WILL YOU JOIN US ON THE JOYFUL JOURNEY?**

PAST



FUTURE



**For more information or to donate
<https://joyfuljourneys-inc.org/>**

Sponsor a schoolchild in India

\$25 per month / \$300 per year

That is all it costs to change one child's life!! Yes, **\$25 a month**, the same amount it would cost to treat you and a friend to a Pumpkin Spice Latte and a Chocolate Croissant. Yes, **\$25 a month**, roughly the same price you would pay for a Fish Fry and a beer at most local restaurants. Yes, **\$25 a month**, the cost of a movie ticket, popcorn and a beverage. Yes, for **\$25 a month** you could provide an education, uniform, books, and school supplies to a child in the Marshall School in Madhavapatnam India.

For the past 20 years Immanuel Church's Joyful Journey India Ministry has been impacting the lives of hundreds of children in the remote village of Madhavapatnam by providing an education through our very own Marshall School. Many of the children who attend this school would normally not have the opportunity to receive an education due to poverty and other restrictions. By offering these youngsters free enrollment in our school we are helping to empower not only their future, but the future of this village.

Scriptures tell us in **Hebrews 6:10** ***God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.***

Please prayerfully consider supporting this mission
by committing to a monthly pledge.

Keep your eye on the India Wall as we update it with new school pictures for the year; and choose a child (or two) to be the face of this ministry to you. If you have any questions or are interested in how you can support, please contact Johanna Landowski at 262-334-2886 or office@immanuelwestbend.org





Altar Flowers

Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one. The **sign-up sheet** is posted outside of Pastor Rich's office.

Please **fill out an order form** and return it with a check for \$30.00 to the church office. After the second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.

This month our flowers have been donated by:

October 5th: *Heather & Shaun Tanner*

In celebration of our 19th wedding anniversary
on October 7th.

October 12th: *Twyla & Mike Bath*

In celebration of Al & Twyla Bath's 14th wedding anniversary

October 19th: *Jinna Lusty*

In memory of Terri Tybring, who loved celebrating her
birthday, which was on October 19th.

October 26th: *Mary Ellen Dodge*

In memory of Fred & Mary Frauenfelder Anniversary



Wednesday October 1st

2:30pm PEO

Thursday October 2nd

1pm-3-pm COF Shoppe

Memorial for Irene Welzien

4pm – 5:45pm Visitation

6pm Service

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday October 3rd

6:30 pm NA

Saturday October 4th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Communion Sunday October 5th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word



Monday October 6th

Tuesday October 7th

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday October 8th

Thursday October 9th

10am SonShine Gals

5:00 pm Church & Ministry

6:00 pm Consistory

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday October 10th

6pm India Gala

20th Anniversary



Saturday October 11th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday October 12th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word

Monday October 13th

12pm Boundaries

4:15pm Citizen Advocates

Tuesday October 14th

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday October 15th

5pm - 7pm COF Shoppe

Thursday October 16th

6pm Wise Guys

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday October 17th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday October 18th

10am–Noon COF Shoppe

Sunday October 19th

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30am J.A.M. Time, CORE,
SHINE, & Sharing Today's Word

Monday October 20th

Tuesday October 21st

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday October 22nd

Thursday October 23rd

10am SonShine Gals

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday October 24th

6:30 pm NA

Saturday October 25th

8:30am – Noon Youth Group

Fall Cleanup



Sunday October 26th

Family Worship

9am and 10:30 am Worship

10:30am Sharing Today's Word

NO J.A.M. Time, CORE, &
SHINE

11:45am F.I.T Trunk or Treat



Monday October 27th

1pm Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday October 28th

5pm Bell Choir

6pm Ladies Ensemble

6:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday October 29th

Thursday October 30th

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday October 31st

6:30 pm NA



Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



FALL CONGRATONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 9th

COOKIE WALK & CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, December 7th



Birthdays for October

Bonnie Gerner 1st

Gaylene Forst 2nd

Kelly Salinas 3rd

Jan Nesladek 4th

Kerrijo Patten 4th

Jim Strohmeyer 4th

Gary McCrillis 5th

Cindy Roos 6th

Richard Gerner 7th

Maggie House 8th

Karri Michell 9th

Mark Wolff 9th

Evelyn Bruder 10th

Austin Ratzburg 10th

Candi Dankert 12th

Orv Larsen 12th (will be 100 years old!)

Joan Dobberstein 14th

Kathy Komro 15th

Shannon Flaherty 16th

Brynn Lutter 17th

Rob Soener 20th

Arlene Roemer 21st

Lexi McCrillis 22nd

Jatziel Pabon 22nd

Alec Komro 25th

Nancy Degnitz 26th

Lou Glassman 26th

Hazel Schleif 26th

Anne Mari Petters 31st





Tending the Flock

Please keep our Immanuel Church Family in your thoughts and prayers, specifically those listed below. Contact the church office if you are in need of pastoral care, or would like to be added to the prayer requests.

Yellow Roses:

Ronald and Kathleen Diels, DeDe Emory, Doris Hawkins, Carol King, Jerry Kuckuk, Judy Muelling, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Charles Roemer, and Joan Stenstrup.

Health Concerns:

Darleen Baerenwald, Terry Christie, Jessica Frederick, Bruce Kapanke, Susan Kist, Bill Myers, Nan Myers, Dave Wolff, and Pastor Rich.

Those of us who are suffering from depression and/or addiction:

Serving in the military:

Jackson Raad and his wife Carlyn Raad, Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David.

Continuing their education:

Brett Bartoszewicz, Abby Frederick, Kathryn Hartley, Kendra Kapanke, Chase Mastenbrook, Evan Mastenbrook, Lexi McCrillis, Julia Raad, Madison Schmitt, and Adam Vincent.

Four Way Covenant Pastor:

Rev. Jim Schleif

Family Loss

Ken & Maxine French – Sister ~ Donna Currie

Jim Morrison – Wife ~ Mona Anderson

Jessica, Evan, Chase & Marris Mastenbrook – Mom / Grandma ~ Irene Welzien

Jay Welzien – Wife ~ Irene Welzien

Gene, Brenda, Kelton, and Aiden – Mother and Grandmother ~ Kathleen Kreis

Deaths

Mona Anderson September 2, 2025

Irene Welzien September 10, 2025

Prayer Requests

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~Philippians 4:6

If you have a special prayer that you would like lifted up on your behalf, feel free to fill out one of the Prayer Request forms located on the Offering Alter and deposit it into the Giving Church or email it to Jenny at director@immanuelwestbend.org.

The SonShine Gals will respectfully include your joys and concerns within their prayers.

Thank you for serving & letting your light shine this month!

GREETERS:

October 5	9:00am Carol Argabright, Pat Sommer 10:30am Dave & Lynn Hammen
October 12	9:00am Max Sommerfeld 10:30am Barb Seefeldt & Lavonda Johnson
October 19	9:00am Carol Argabright & KC Laycock 10:30am Mary Ellen Dodge, <u>WE STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
October 26	9:00am Nancy Naab, Esther Kohler 10:30am Julie Glassman

USHERS: **Head Usher:** Gary McCrillis

October 5	9:00am Max Sommerfeld, Rich Gerner 10:30am Gene Kreis
October 12	9:00am Michael Bath, Rachel Gumm 10:30am Elaine Radzinski
October 19	9:00am Mike Soener, Patricia Love 10:30am Ben & Ashley Russell
October 26	9:00am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman 10:30am Joe Halfman

READERS:

October 5	9am Kaitlin Demmon	10:30am Barb Seefldt
October 12	9am Karen Grace Strobach	10:30am Pete Michell
October 19	9am KC Laycock	10:30am Julie Feit
October 26	9am Dave Hammen	10:30am Joe Halfman

COFFEE MAKERS:

October 5	Bonnie Gerner
October 12	Jim & Anne Mari Peters
October 19	Eric Christie
October 26	Mary Demmon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

October 5	Adult Choir
October 12	Larry Wheelock
October 19	Marlene Wondergem
October 26	Larry Wheelock

Fellowship Hour:

October 5	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>
October 12	Bath Family
October 19	Consistory
October 26	<u>STILL NEED SOMEONE</u>

Communion Servers: October 5
9:00 – Jackie Nieman & Chris Arndt
Floater – Jan
10:30 – Charlene & Stewart Swanson

Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

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Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelUCCWestBend>

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Carol Argabright- Secretary, and Mitchell Schleif

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Immanuel's Team

